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# SPECTACULAR BICENTENNIAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

This past Tuesday, Walt Disney Productions officially announced in Washington, D. C., our plans for a spectacular Bicentennial celebration of our country's 200th birthday coming up next year. Our programs will include a parade featuring larger-than-life characters and floats which are expected to attract the largest audience ever to attend a live production in history.

"America on Parade," a new achievement in our world-famous Disney pageantry, will salute the United States' 200th anniversary by entertaining millions of visitors from around the world during America's Bicentennial Year.

Beginning this June, the colorful spectacle will be staged everyday here at Walt Disney World and also at Disneyland through September 1976.

**Donn Tatum**, Chairman of the Board, estimates that more than 25 million guests, including over two million foreign guests, will view the parade during its more than 1200 performances here and in California over the 15 month period.

This attendance will constitute the largest audience in history to attend a live production.

"America on Parade" will also be the first time Disneyland



More than 150 of these doll-like "People of America" characters will be featured in "America on Parade". Each character will stand nearly eight feet tall to be in scale with the 50 parade units averaging more than 20 feet in height.

and Walt Disney World have worked jointly to produce a show which will appear simultaneously in both Theme Parks.

Created to be "larger-than-life," the pageant's 50 parade units will average more than 20 feet in height and some will be over 30 feet in length.

In order to accommodate such large parade units, the Liberty Square bridge here at Walt Disney World was recently closed for renovation. The bridge bed was completely removed and rebuilt closer to ground level . . . because the new parade floats would not be able to move over the former "hump-back" curve to the bridge's bed. The bridge has since be re-opened to our guests.

Officials of Walt Disney Productions traveled to Washington, D. C. where they announced our plans for the spectacular salute to America at ceremonies in the U. S. State Department . . . held in cooperation with the United States Travel Service and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

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## HEAVY GUEST ATTENDANCE MARKS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WEEK

Walt Disney World, as well as the entire Central Florida area, is again experiencing a heavy influx of visitors over this holiday week.

And in order to accommodate our visitors here at Walt Disney World, another great effort has been put forth by everyone for these past few days.

On behalf of **Bob Allen**, we wish to thank each and everyone of you for the outstanding job that you did over this past week.

Whether onstage or backstage, everyone worked together as a team to give our guests the best show possible.

And the efforts of our office and other support area staffs who assisted through Cross-Utilization were again a great help in keeping our World operating.

So again, our thanks go out to the entire cast for a job well done.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS SUNDAY

A reminder to everyone that **Daylight Savings Time** will go into effect at **2 am** this **Sunday, February 23**. All clocks should be **set forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night. An easy way to remember the seasonal time changes is the saying "Spring Forward, Fall Back."



# CAST ACTIVITIES

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS AND FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS ANNOUNCED

All teams in both Men's and Women's Leagues have concluded the regular season that began back on November 4th last year. The eight top teams from the Men's League now begin a double-elimination tournament which starts on **Monday, Feb. 24th**, at the **Tabernacle Baptist Church Gym** on West Highway 50. The Women's teams also begin play at the same gym, same dates but at different times. Following is the schedule for the first two evenings of Tournament Play:

Monday, February 24th:

- 7:00 pm Men: Main Golf Resort vs. Transportation
- 8:00 pm Men: Contemporary Housekeeping vs. Employee Relations
- 9:00 pm Women: Resort No. 1 vs. Tomorrowland
- 10:00 pm Women: Tour Guides vs. Main Street

Tuesday, Feb. 25th:

- 7:00 pm Men: Ft. Wilderness No. 1 vs. Custodial
- 8:00 pm Men: Foods No. 1 vs. Polynesian Stars
- 9:00 pm Women: Golf Resort vs. Fantasyland
- 10:00 pm Women: Losing teams, games of Feb. 24th.

Further brackets in the Tournament depend upon whether your team wins or loses, so all persons interested are asked to keep in touch with Cast Activities, or check posted brackets at the Gym. All employees and their families are invited to come and see the games at no charge . . .

**Final Regular Season Records:** Only two teams finished the season with perfect records. They were **Main Golf Resort - Men**, and the **Golf Resort Women's** teams. Final standings by league follows:

**Monday Evening:** Main Golf Resort - 12-0, Custodial 8-4, Lake Buena Vista Independents 7-5; Ft. Wilderness No. 2 - 6-6, Tomorrowland 6-6, Town Square 6-6, Fantasyland 2-10, & Pecos Bill 1-11 . . .

**Tuesday Evening:** Foods No. 1 - 11-1, Employee Relations, 10-2, Equal Opportunity 5-7, Lake Buena Vista Golf 4-8, Martial Arts Club 4-8, and Harbour House 2-10 . . .

**Wednesday Evening:** Ft. Wilderness No. 1 - 11-1, Contemporary Housekeeping 10-2, Polynesian Stars 8-4, Transportation 8-4, Jungle Cruise 5-7, Resort No. 1 - 3-9, Monorail 3-9, & Zoo Crew 0-12 . . .

**Thursday Women's:** Golf Resort 12-0, Resort No. 1 - 7-5, Fantasyland 7-5, Tour Guides 5-7, Main Street 4-8 & Tomorrowland 1-11 . . .

## SPECIAL CAST SHOWING OF NEW DISNEY FILM RELEASE IN TWO WEEKS

Disney Studio's newest motion picture, "**Strongest Man in the World**," will be shown to cast members starting March 13 through March 21. Watch next week's **EYES & EARS** for more details and dates when free tickets for cast members are going to be available.

## 2ND CAST GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MID-MARCH

The Golf Association's second tournament of 1975 will be teeing-off Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 & 13. Golfers may sign-up for this tourney at the Golf Resort's Pro Shop anytime through March 7.

And be sure to watch next week's **EYES & EARS** for results of the February tournament.

## CAST LIBRARY RECEIVES BICENTENNIAL REFERENCE BOOKS

The Cast Library recently received a two volume set of **A Bicentennial Illustrated History of the United States**. These books are available for reference only.

From time to time, **EYES & EARS** will mention new books being made available in the Cast Library. You can check out books Monday through Saturday, 8 am-5 pm. Your WDW ID is your library card.

Don't forget, the Cast Library offers a **free** paperback book exchange and the library is still taking donations.

For more information on your Cast Library, stop by Cast Activities or give them a call at extension 4254.



A major motion picture, "**The Wild Country**," will be presented for the first time on television this Sunday and next Sunday on the **Wonderful World of Disney**. Starring Steve Forrest, Vera Miles, Ronny and Clint Howard and Jack Elam, the story traces the exciting adventures of the Tanner family as they leave the comforts of a big city back East and move to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to take possession of their new ranch . . . little realizing the challenges they must face. This is a motion picture that the whole family will enjoy, so don't miss it.

<b>SAT 2</b> 9 am-9 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lake Bryan open 11 am-7 pm</li> <li>- Crystal River Dive, Sambo's Restaurant at 10 am</li> <li>- Martial Arts, Lake Bryan, 10 am</li> </ul>
<b>SUN 23</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wonderful World of Disney, "<i>The Wild Country</i>," Part I, 7:30 pm</li> </ul>
<b>MON 24</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christian Fellowship Group, Cast I, 6 pm</li> <li>- Chess Tournament, Cast Lounge, 7 pm</li> <li>- Martial Arts, Stage Door Cafe, 6 pm</li> </ul>
<b>TUES 25</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dive Club Meeting, Stage Door Cafe, 6 pm</li> <li>- SCUBA Instructions, Cast I &amp; II, 6 pm</li> <li>- Soccer Club, Softball Fields, 6 pm</li> </ul>
<b>WED 26</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Martial Arts, Stage Door Cafe, 6 pm</li> </ul>
<b>THUR 27</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WDW Singers Rehearsal, Stage Door Cafe, 6 pm</li> </ul>
<b>FRI 28</b> 9 am-7 pm	
<b>SAT 1</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lake Bryan Open, 11 am-7 pm</li> <li>- Martial Arts, Lake Bryan, 10 am</li> </ul>
<b>SUN 2</b> 9 am-7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wonderful World of Disney, "<i>The Wild Country</i>," Part II, 7:30 pm</li> </ul>



## GOING ON VACATION SOON? REMEMBER HOWARD JOHNSON'S OFFERS 10% DISCOUNT TO MAGIC KINGDOM CLUB MEMBERS

Magic Kingdom Club members are now eligible for a 10% discount at participating Howard Johnson's Motor Lodges throughout the United States. This discount pertains to double-occupancy accommodations.

Club members must make advanced reservations and identify themselves as a Club member to receive the discount. Your membership card must also be presented upon registration.

To make advanced reservations call Toll Free 1-800-654-2000. And remember, if you aren't a member yet . . . stop by Cast Activities and get your free Magic Kingdom Club card today.

## WORLD TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS MADE AVAILABLE TO CAST MEMBERS

Cast Activities has available a limited number of tickets for **The Classic 1975**, a world championship tennis event to be held at the Rosemont Golf and Country Club. Discounted tickets will be available on a limited basis for all games, including the semi-finals and final matches.

The tournament will feature 28 top international tennis professionals from 12 different countries.

Tickets are now available in Cast Activities and will be on sale from now through March 21. The tournament will be from March 24 through March 30. Tickets will range from \$2 to \$7 each and will include both day and evening play.

For additional information, call or stop by Cast Activities.

## 30 SURPLUS COMPANY VEHICLES WILL GO UP FOR EMPLOYEE BIDDING IN ONE WEEK

Thirty surplus Walt Disney World cars and trucks will go up for bid next week, and some lucky bidders will drive away with some real bargains.

Held in the North Service Area Motor Pool Lot adjacent to the Monorail Roundhouse, bids will be accepted Thursday, February 27, 6 am—1 pm; Friday, February 28, 12 noon—6 pm; and Saturday, March 1, 9 am—1 pm. The method of sale will be by sealed bid, with each vehicle having a minimum acceptable bid.

Terms of the sale will be vehicle as is, where is. Successful bidders will have to provide their own transportation for removal of the vehicle they purchased if it doesn't run.

There will be a public bid opening at the point of sale following the close of bidding at 1 pm on Saturday, March 1.

Information boards including a photograph, general body description, operating condition, mileage and minimum bid of each vehicle are currently posted in four areas through Monday, March 3: Contemporary Resort employee cafeteria, Polynesian Village employee cafeteria, Center Building's Stage Door Cafe and the North Service Area time shack.

For more information, call Property Control at extension 4878.

## LETTERS

" . . . expertise, the imagination, the everything that has gone into planning Disney World is beyond any words of mine to describe. I can only say that it is carrying on the tradition of Walt Disney and describe it simply as DISNEY!!!!!! And it's a wonderful feeling to think that all that know-how has been used to spread a little happiness, to bring joy to young and old, instead of for the purpose of blowing people to bits.

And of course, the pleasure wouldn't be nearly as perfect without the staff. It's a long, long time since I have been looked after by so many people (and I found no exceptions) who wanted me to have a good time. The young men who were on duty at the monorail were just as interested in making an old lady feel welcome and important as they were in the pretty young girls — the two young men who carried luggage for me "were happy to be of help, madam" and refused (politely) to accept a gratuity. The young woman in the information booth was equally gracious and helpful. The staff seemed to make it their business to see that you enjoyed your day, and I certainly enjoyed mine. I can't remember when I had so much fun since I was a little girl and was bug-eyed at the Ex in Ottawa . . ."

## APPLAUSE

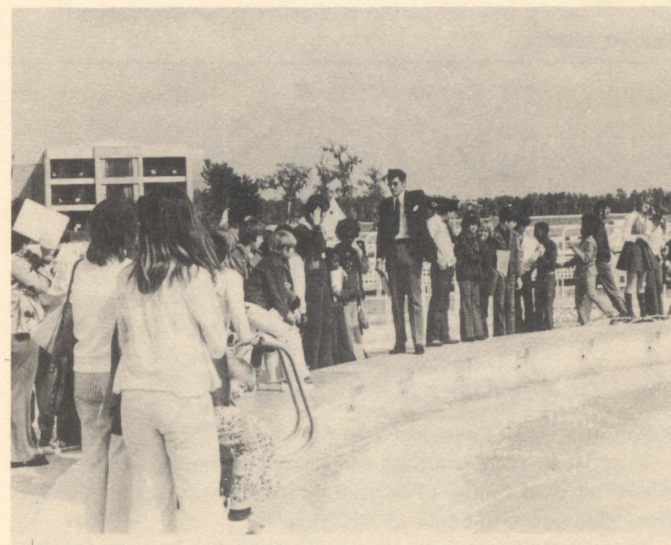
This week our applause goes to Resort Division for taking some time out to become involved in a community project.

It seems that two 6th grade classes at Kaley Elementary School in Orlando are presently undertaking a career education program to give their 12 to 13-year-old students an introduction to career awareness.

Arrangements were made and this past Monday 38 students and their teachers visited the Contemporary Resort and Fort Wilderness to see the many types of jobs we have here.

"We did not bring the students here with hopes of one day recruiting new employees for Walt Disney World," said **Rick Johnson**, Supervisor of Training and Development for the Resort Division, "but to let them see the various career opportunities in the hotel-motel industry first hand."

With two teachers, **Mrs. Betty Singhaus** and **Ms. Joyce Alderson**, helping Rick out, they exposed the students to such career areas as hotel front office operations, guest activity and recreation, food preparation and serving and hotel housekeeping and groundskeeping.



*Rick Johnson pointing out the various aspects of guest recreation facilities at the Contemporary Resort to the group.*

"Many of these kids were exposed to career opportunities that they might not normally be exposed to during their visit here," explained Rick. "The young people we introduced our industry to today are the very ones who may come back and manage it in the future."

After a three-hour tour of the Contemporary Resort, stopping along the way to let employees explain their various jobs, the group traveled to Fort Wilderness for a visit and good old-time cook out for lunch.



# MOUSELLANEOUS

Central Reservations Office recently received a letter cancelling a hotel reservation. The letter was so unusual that they wanted to share it with the rest of the cast. It went:

Dear Reservationist Whom Ever You Are,

Due to the premature birth of our favorite dog's puppies, we are unable to visit Walt Disney World at this time. However, in honor of our trip to Disney World that we cannot take, we are going to name one of the puppies Mickey and one Minnie.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeff Hiers  
Pleasantville, N. J.

Shirlee Walsted, Food Division at the Contemporary Resort, last week turned in her costume at the end of her shift with \$10 unknowingly to her in one of the pockets. She did not realize the money was missing until she got home . . . and Wardrobe was already closed for the evening.

The next day none of the Wardrobe hostesses knew anything about the money. But that evening, as she went to the window to exchange her costume, Cherri Ball, evening shift hostess at the window, handed her the \$10. She had found it the preceding evening.

As Shirlee pointed out in a letter to EYES & EARS, it's not so much the amount of money lost, but the spirit behind returning it to the owner.

## SMELL GAS? DON'T DELAY REPORTING IT

Bill Allsup, Superintendent of the Reedy Creek Utilities Company, reminds all cast members that if you ever detect a gas odor, no matter how slight, you should immediately call the Reedy Creek Fire Department at extension 4690. This will insure prompt action to start emergency repairs if they are needed.



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In order to accommodate the various scenes of Americana, an entirely new family of larger-than-life characters are being developed as the "People of America."

These doll-like performers will measure nearly eight feet in height to be in scale with the various parade units, and, like the procession itself, make our guests, old and young alike, see the pageant as through the eyes of a child.

There will be more than 150 of these "People of America" performing in each parade at both Walt Disney World and Disneyland.

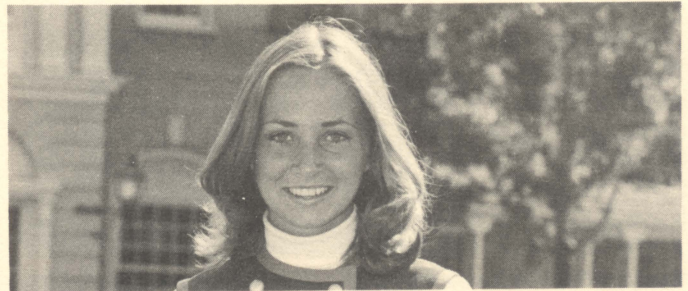
During the fun-filled procession, recognition will be given to United States historical, cultural and scientific achievements . . . from the discovery of America to the development of our nation, the invention of the first automobile to man's landing on the moon.

Leading each parade will be Mickey Mouse, Goofy and Donald Duck, as the "Spirit of 76" while the finale will be a spectacular "Celebration of Independence."

Other festivities planned for the Bicentennial include a special one-week salute to every state both here and at Disneyland; and a two-hour national television special to be aired either late this summer or early this fall. Another feature of the Bicentennial observance will be a new version of our widely acclaimed film, "America the Beautiful" to be shown at the Monsanto Circle-Vision theater in Tomorrowland.

Another major activity planned is an around-the-world tour by Walt Disney World Ambassador Suzy O'Hara and Disneyland Ambassador Kathy Smith to invite world leaders to America's birthday celebration.

After that, our two Ambassadors will visit every state in the union on a national tour to promote our Bicentennial celebrations.



Suzy O'Hara will visit many foreign countries on her around-the-world tour as well as all 50 states to invite everyone to our Bicentennial celebrations.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

EYES & EARS publishes classified ads as a service to all employees when space permits. Unfortunately, the ads sometimes have to be omitted when news articles deem it necessary to use that space.

We have received many ads over the past three weeks, but have been unable to print very many due to news stories. Because of this, we have a large backlog of ads which, in some cases, are outdated. Therefore, if your ad has not appeared as of this issue, please re-submit it to us.

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